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JOURNAL OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH commenced its thirtieth session at Portsmouth, May 4th, 1859, Bishop Ames presiding.

The Conference was opened by the Bishop with the usual religious services, and the Lord's Supper.

J. W. Guernsey was elected Secretary, and G. W. T. Rogers Assistant.

The Presiding Elders were appointed to nominate the usual Committees, who reported as follows:—

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP—J. Hall, J. Thurston.

STEWARDS AND PREACHERS' AID—C. Holman, E. Smith, G. P. Warner.

POST OFFICES—D. W. Barber, O. W. Watkins.

PUBLISHING MINUTES—S. Holman, J. P. Magee.

EDUCATION—C. S. Harrington, O. H. Jasper, F. A. Hewes.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—R. S. Stubbs, C. H. Smith, J. B. Holman, N. Green.

MISSIONS—A. C. Manson, L. Howard, J. Thurston.

TEMPERANCE—C. R. Harding, C. M. Dinsmore, J. Hooper, W. H. Jones, H. Chandler.

BIBLE CAUSE—S. P. Heath, L. P. Cushman, N. Martin, J. P. Stinchfield, I. Taggart.

TIME FOR COLLECTIONS—H. A. Matteson, A. Folsom, R. Newhall.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—G. S. Dearborn, L. J. Hall, A. Folsom, E. Smith, L. H. Gordon, S. G. Kellogg, Hon. T. L. Tullock, Hon. O. F. Fowler, B. F. Sawyer, Esq., J. C. Cooper, Robert McIlroy, Levi Lamb.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY—C. H. Chase.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE SEMINARY AND FEMALE COLLEGE
— D. P. Leavitt, H. Hill, G. W. H. Clarke, E. R. Wilkins.

PARSONAGES — J. Adams, G. W. H. Clark, O. H. Call, A. K. Howard.

TO NOMINATE OFFICERS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES — L. L. Eastman, J. English, J. L. Trefren.

MEMOIRS — E. Adams, O. H. Jasper, W. Hewes.

SLAVERY — E. Scott, S. Beedle, E. R. Wilkins, S. Holman, J. Hayes.

TO NOMINATE TRUSTEES TO NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE SEMINARY — E. Scott, N. L. Chase, G. N. Bryant.

A draft on the Chartered Fund ordered for \$25.

Action was had in part on the 2d, 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th questions.

Communications on the Sunday School and Tract causes read and referred.

Dr. Floy, of New York, was introduced, and addressed the Conference upon the interests of the Tract cause.

Several visiting brethren were introduced to the Conference.

Various other business occupied the attention of the Conference until the adjournment.

P. M. Preaching by Dr. Floy.

Evening. Address on the S. S. Union, by Dr. Wise.

THURSDAY, May 5.

Religious services by J. Currier.

After the reading of the journal, several brethren were introduced.

Rev. Dr. Lamson, of Portsmouth, was introduced as a delegate of the Baptist State Convention, and presented the warmest greetings of that body to the Conference.

The 1st, 7th, and 11th questions were considered.

Manchester, Elm street, was selected as the place of the next Conference.

Various items of Conference business occupied the time the remainder of the session.

P. M. Preaching by Rev. C. R. Harding.

Evening. Rev. E. Smith preached the Conference sermon.

FRIDAY, May 6.

Religious services by E. Scott.

Several brethren were received on trial, and the questions of the minutes reviewed.

A number of committees made reports, and the general routine of business occupied the Conference.

Several strangers were introduced.

Thus passed the morning hour.

P. M. Preaching by Rev. L. R. Thayer, of the N. E. Conference.

Evening. The Sunday School Anniversary was held, and addresses were made by several members of the Conference ; and the exercises were otherwise of an interesting character.

SATURDAY, May 7.

Religious services by N. Culver.

The business of the Conference proceeded with great dispatch, and the committees appeared to be generally ready to report.

The reports on the Conference Seminary and on Education occasioned an animated discussion, indicative of good results.

A great amount of business was done during this session, of so varied a character that it cannot well be reported here. At half-past twelve the Conference adjourned, to meet at seven o'clock Monday morning.

P. M. Funeral services on the death of Benj. C. Eastman and John M. Blake, when addresses were made by several brethren on the character of the deceased.

Evening. Missionary sermon by G. S. Dearborn.

SABBATH, May 8.

A beautiful morning as ever dawned upon the world. The religious services of the day were introduced with a love-feast at 8½ A.M. At the usual hour of service, after a sermon by Bishop Ames, the ordination of the Deacons took place.

P. M. After a sermon by L. D. Barrows, the Bishop ordained the Elders. Most of the pulpits in the city were occupied by members of the Conference.

In the evening, the anniversary of the Conference Missionary Society was observed, and was an occasion of interest. Brief addresses were delivered by several brethren, and thus closed a beautiful, and it is hoped a profitable Sabbath.

MONDAY, May 9.

Conference opened at 7 o'clock. Religious services by L. D. Barrows. A large number of items of unfinished business were attended to. Several resolutions of thanks to various parties were passed.

The Bishop made some very interesting remarks relative to the great work to which we were about to separate.

At 9½ o'clock the appointments were read by the Bishop, and the Conference adjourned.

This session of the Conference was unusually interesting and profitable.

MINUTES.

CONFERENCE INQUIRIES.

I. Who are admitted on Trial?

James M. Buckley, Joseph Fawcett, Nelson M. Bailey, George C. Thomas, Damon Judd, Samuel F. Whidden. James Pike and Rufus Tilton, re-admitted.

II. Who remain on Trial?

Martin L. Bentley, Thomas L. Fowler, John W. Adams, Ebenezer A. Smith, James B. Faulks.

III. Who are admitted into Full Connection?

George S. Barnes, R. Edmund Danforth.

IV. Who are the Deacons?

John L. Trefren, Daniel J. Smith, William H. Jones, Joshua B. Holman, Linville J. Hall, Hezekiah A. Matteson, Lucien W. Prescott, Josiah P. Stinchfield, Irad Taggart, George S. Barnes, R. Edmund Danforth.

V. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

C. S. Harrington, Amos B. Russell, C. R. Homan.

VI. Who have located this year?

James M. Hartwell.

VII. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

Ira Carter, Abraham Folsom.

VIII. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

B. R. Hoyt, O. Hinds, J. F. Adams, J. A. Scarritt, S. Norris, W. Wilbur, J. Spaulding, M. Newhall, J. G. Smith, N. Ladd, C. Cowing, J. Smith, D. Lee, I. A. Sweatland, S. Wiggin, G. F. Wells, J. M. Young, J. Clough, J. Stevens, J. Boyden, C. B. M. Woodward, S. Green, E. Mason, Fred-
eric A. Hewes, Warren F. Evans, Rufus Tilton.

IX. Who have been Expelled from the Connection this year?

None.

X. Who have Withdrawn from the Connection this year?

None.

XI. Were all the Preachers' Characters examined?

This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

XII. Who have died this year?

Benjamin C. Eastman, John M. Blake.

XIII. What is the number of Church Members?

In full connection,.....	10,342
On probation,.....	1,977
Total,	12,319

XIV. What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the Circuits?

Superannuated Preachers, Widows, and Orphans,\$6,751 34

XV. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

From Chartered Fund,.....	\$ 25 00
Interest on ex-Governor Page's donation,.....	3 00
Interest on Mrs. Hardy's bequest,.....	3 00
From Preachers' Aid Society,	544 00
Total,	\$575 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

O. Hinds,.....	\$40 00	Widow Prescott,	20 00
J. A. Scarritt,	80 00	“ Taplin,	32 00
Samuel Norris,.....	40 00	“ Eaton,	30 00
Warren Wilbur,.....	40 00	“ Heath,	10 00
J. Spaulding,	20 00	“ Andrews,.....	10 00
M. Newhall,	10 00	John Clough,.....	30 00
S. Wiggin,.....	40 00	Stationery,	1 10
J. Boyden,	20 00	Balance paid Treasurer of	
E. Mason,.....	20 00	Preachers' Aid Society,..	11 90
dow Eastman,.....	40 00		\$575 00
Blake,	80 00		

XVI. Where shall the next Conference be held?

Elm street, Manchester.

XVII. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

DOVER DISTRICT.

CALVIN HOLMAN, *Presiding Elder.* (P. O., Dover.)

Dover,.....	J. M. Buckley.
Salmon Falls,.....	Simeon P. Heath.
Great Falls, High street,	To be supplied.
“ “ Main street,	George W. H. Clarke.
Rochester,	William Hewes.
Milton,.....	To be supplied.
Tuftonboro' and Wolfboro',.....	Amos Kidder.
outh Tamworth,.....	Daniel W. Barber.
Moultonboro',.....	Henry Chandler.

Sandwich Centre,	Josiah P. Stinchfield.
Newmarket,	Samuel Beedle.
South Newmarket,	To be supplied.
Greenland,	Joseph W. Guernsey.
Portsmouth, State street,	Dudley P. Leavitt.
“ Brodhead Church,	Jonathan Hall.
Rye,	N. M. Bailey.
Hampton,	Nathaniel L. Chase.
Seabrook,	Charles R. Homan.
East Salisbury, Mass.,	Eleazar Smith.
Amesbury,	“ Joseph Hayes.
Haverhill,	“ George S. Dearborn.
Lawrence,	“ Haverhill st., To be supplied.
“ Garden street,	Henry H. Hartwell.
Methuen, Mass.,	John L. Trefren.
Salem,	Elihu Scott.
North Salem,	Abraham Folsom, sup.
Derry,	John W. Adams.
Londonderry,	Ashley C. Dutton.
Kingston,	Josiah Hooper.
Sandown,	To be supplied.
Danville,	To be supplied by E. H. Legro.
Raymond and Fremont,	Larned L. Eastman.
Hampstead,	Greenleaf P. Warner.
Epping,	To be supplied by F. T. George.
Candia,	Lorenzo Draper.
Deerfield,	James Adams.
Chester,	Henry Nutter.
Auburn,	To be supplied.

CONCORD DISTRICT.

LEWIS HOWARD, *Presiding Elder*. (P. O., Sanbornton Bridge.)

Concord,	Elisha Adams.
Fisherville,	James Pike.
Chichester,	J. Fawcett.
Hooksett,	To be supplied.
Bow,	To be supplied.
Suncook,	Cadford M. Dinsmore.
Manchester, First Church,	Amos B. Russell.
“ Elm street,	Henry Hill.
“ North Elm street,	Charles Young.
Windsor,	To be supplied.
Antrim,	To be supplied.
Deering,	To be supplied by H. Kendall.

Hillsboro' Bridge,.....	To be supplied.
Henniker,	George W. T. Rogers.
West Salisbury and Warner,.....	Daniel J. Smith.
Boscawen,.....	To be supplied by J. S. Thomas.
Wilmot Flat,	Reuben Dearborn.
Sanbornton Bridge,.....	Lorenzo D. Barrows.
East Sanbornton,.....	James B. Faulks.
Gilmanton,.....	To be supplied.
Bristol,	Newell Culver.
Plymouth,	Charles H. Chase.
Rumney and West Plymouth,.....	To be supplied by Truman Carter.
Thornton,.....	To be supplied.
Warren,	Charles H. Smith.
Haverhill,.....	Charles U. Dunning.
North Haverhill,.....	Americus K. Howard.
East Haverhill,	To be supplied.
Piermont,	Nelson Martin.
Bath and Benton,	John English.
Landaff,.....	Irad Taggart.
Lisbon,	George N. Bryant.
Monroe and Lyman,.....	Orick W. Watkins.
Littleton and Bethlehem,.....	Lewis P. Cushman.
Whitefield,.....	To be supplied.
Lancaster,	Elijah R. Wilkins.
Milan and Stark,.....	To be supplied.
Stratford,	Lucien W. Prescott.
Columbia,	Damon Judd.
New Hampshire Conference Seminary and Female College, Calvin S. Harrington, Principal; William D. Cass, Agent,—both members of Sanbornton Bridge Quarterly Conference.	

CLAREMONT DISTRICT.

ALBERT C. MANSON, *Presiding Elder*. (P. O., Newport.)

Claremont,.....	Orlando H. Jasper.
Newport,	John Currier.
Sunapee,	To be supplied by John C. Emerson.
North Charlestown,.....	R. Edmund Danforth.
Cornish,	To be supplied.
Unity,	Richard Newhall.
Lempster,	Ebenezer A. Smith.
South Acworth,	One to be supplied; Ira Carter, sup.
Marlow,	Oloff H. Call.
Walpole,	To be supplied.

Keene,	Robert S. Stubbs.
Winchester,	Silas G. Kellogg.
Hinsdale,	Hezekiah A. Matteson.
Chesterfield,	Nelson Green.
Pottersville,	Thomas L. Fowler.
Peterboro',	George S. Barnes.
Rindge,	Martin L. Bentley.
New Ipswich,	To be supplied by A. P. Hatch.
Croydon,	Samuel F. Whidden.
Grantham,	Lorin H. Gordon.
Lebanon,	Linville J. Hall.
Enfield,	William H. Jones and G. C. Thomas.
Canaan,	Joshua B. Holman.
Washington,	B. E. Whipple.
Nashua, Lowell street,	Charles R. Harding.
“ Chesnut street,	Sullivan Holman.
Hudson,	John W. Johnson.
Brookline,	To be supplied by Henry B. Copp.
Amherst,	To be supplied.
Gilsum and Stoddard,	Samuel S. Dudley.
Richard S. Rust, transferred to the Cincinnati Conference.	
James Thurston, transferred to the East Maine Conference, and appointed to Brick Chapel, Bangor.	

BISHOPS OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

Thomas A. Morris, D.D. ;	Residence, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Edmund S. Janes, D.D. ;	“ New York.
Levi Scott, D.D. ;	“ Wilmington, Del.
Matthew Simpson, D.D. ;	“ Pittsburg, Pa.
Osmon C. Baker, D.D. ;	“ Concord, N.H.
Edward R. Ames, D.D. ;	“ Indianapolis, Ind.

STATISTICS OF DOVER DISTRICT, NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE, FOR 1859.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.			BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				Preachers' Estimate.	Amount Paid.	
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.			
PRESIDING ELDER,																						
Dover,	252	4	47	1	19	1	1	\$6,000	1	\$1,500	\$18 14	\$73 10	\$13 00	\$7 50	\$10 50	2	40	375	500	\$50	\$50	
Salmon Falls,	67	1	33		17	1	1	10,000	1	2,000	3 00	11 17	9 00	8 00	31 00	1	19	100	400	700	700	
Great Falls, High Street, ..	278	2	40		88		1	9,000	1	600	20 00	120 00	1 00			1	27	380	1,150	450	450	
Do, Main Street, ..	100	2	45		29		1	3,000	1	700	2 00	5 00	1 00			1	21	150	500	700	700	
Rochester,	265	1	25	4	6	5	1	3,300	1	700	25 00	117 00	20 00	20 00	11 00	1	28	175	600	600	600	
Milton,	56	7			3		1	1,800	1	400				6 18		1	8			325	325	
Tuftsboro' and Wolfboro', ..	107	1	49		14		1	2,300	1	500	2 00	7 00	2 00	3 50	50	2	18	60	20	325	310	
South Tamworth,	52	2	40		1	1	1	300	1	500	2 00	7 00	2 00	3 50	50	2	18	130	150	375	375	
Moultonboro',	37		20	1	4	2	1	2,100	1	900	7 00	4 00		10 63	20	1	13	70	372	400	300	
Sandwich Centre,	164	8	60	1	23	4	2	3,000	1	800	7 29	10 00	5 00	3 00		1	14	75	400	425	375	
Newmarket,	125	11			8		1	3,000	1	1,100	7 29	10 00	5 00	5 78		1	20	150	350	500	500	
South Newmarket,	73	10	1				1	2,500	1	1,600	7 00	33 00	1 00	11 00	8 00	1	13	80	300	455	455	
Greenland,	97	6	13		3		1	2,400	1	1,000		33 00		11 14		1	7	50	200	455	455	
Rye,	69	1	21		8		1	5,000			33 00	71 00		11 14		1	35	225	570	700	700	
Portsmouth and Newington ..	290	4	34	8			1	1,200	1	700	3 00	21 75	2 60	2 50	2 30	1	18	70	500	400	400	
Hampton,	58	2	23				1	1,400	1	800	2 00	6 59	5 00	10 00	10 00	1	18	131	450	400	400	
Seabrook,	69	1	39				1	1,400	1	800	2 00	6 59	5 00	10 00	10 00	1	22	150	500	500	500	
East Salisbury,	142	1	24		20	1	1	3,000	1	3,500	20 00	100 00	5 00	2 25	1 20	1	15	105	370	430	430	
Amesbury,	64	1	13	1	11		1	2,000			3 00	12 00	80	2 25	1 20	1	35	225	650	650	650	
Haverhill,	183	26	1				1	11,000				4 25				1	42	300	600	800	800	
Lawrence, Haverhill Street, ..	246	1	89		7		1	6,000				62 00		7 00	5 58	1	25	225	400	700	700	
Do, Garden Street, ..	75	25			8		1	12,500				32 00		1 00	5 00	1	14	75	340	300	300	
Methuen,	65	11			9		1	3,000	1	1,500	1 50	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	1	20	120	450	500	500	
Salem,	127	1	15		1		1	1,500	1	1,500	4 00	15 00	4 50	2 31	1 50	1	16	116	40	325	325	
North Salem,	73	31			19		1	1,500	1	1,500	2 19	15 00	4 50	2 31	1 50	1	8	75	250	300	300	
Derry,	61	4	8		3		1	1,500			4 00	13 10		4 87		1	18	133	220	400	400	
Londonderry,	81	19	1		9		1	2,300			4 60			2 00		1	14	76	400	400	400	
Kingston,	64	31	1		10		1	1,500			2 28	18 00	1 25	2 00	1 25	1	25	175	225	325	325	
Sandown and Danville,	104	4	85		36		1	1,500	1	1,000	7 00	30 00				3						

DOVER DISTRICT—Continued.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				Preacher's Estimate.	Amount Paid.	
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Raymond and Fremont, ...	171	3	36	..	12	2	1	\$1,600	1	\$800	\$8	1 25	\$20 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	2	28	175	400	\$450
Epping,	35	..	5	1	..	1	1	350	1	350	30 00	..	3 14	10	10	40	50	..
Candia,	25	1	18	1	1	3,000	13	117	115	325	..
Chester,	48	1	9	1	5	..	1	775	10	48	250	200	200
Auburn,	27	2	9	..	1	1,000	7	60	300	300	300
Deerfield,	20	..	11	1	5	10 00	1	9	65	106	312	312
Total,	3,705	46	975	24	432	37	31	\$103,175	19	\$21,250	\$190 65	\$898 82	\$69 65	\$129 05	\$102 83	42	636	4,539	13,102

STATISTICS OF CONCORD DISTRICT, NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE, FOR 1859.

Presiding Elder,	285	2	50	30	25	2	1	\$7,000	..	..	\$27 00	\$125 00	\$20 00	..	..	\$10 00	3	55	315	1,024	\$550	\$550
Concord,	52	..	15	..	3	1	1	2,000	..	..	2 00	25 00	..	..	..	2 00	1	14	106	411	700	700
Fisherville,	138	4	40	40	6	..	1	2,500	1	\$1,000	3 29	5 05	3 03	\$0 72	..	2 38	1	18	60	408	400	352
Chichester and Pittsfield, ..	43	2	4	..	14	..	1	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	50	200	..	..
Hooksett,	109	1	25	..	19	2	2	2,400	..	..	3 80	16 00	6 70	..	..	..	1	10	125	300	450	450
Howe,	55	1	5	..	1	1	1	2,500	1	1,000	3 23	2 02	2 02	..	..	..	1	8	71	200	361	361
Manchester, 1st Church, ...	350	2	30	1	19	..	1	8,000	..	..	16 00	30 00	3 00	10 00	..	5 00	1	34	400	500	750	750
Manchester, Elm Street, ...	181	2	67	2	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	41	329	375	600	600
Manchester, N. Elm Street, ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Goffstown, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Antrim and Windsor,	56	1	2	1	1	..	1	500	..	..	..	11 00	..	..	..	..	3	21	100	300	221	221
Deering, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hillsboro' Bridge,	80	..	10	..	2	..	1	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	11	86	180	..	..

Henniker,	98	2	10	5	..	1	4,000	1	700	\$127 07	\$525 41	\$51 13	\$42 98	\$40 71	40	505	3,453	9,065	
Warner,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Boscawen,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Winlot Flat & Salisbury,	121	1	37	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sandmont Bridge,	249	3	40	16	..	1	10,000	1	600	14 58	60 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	1	25	150	550	
East Sandmont,	122	2	21	12	..	1	1,400	1	300	4 00	10 00	..	..	..	1	11	90	260
Gilmanston,	77	2	7	..	..	1	1,000	1	500	..	8 00	..	..	..	1	6	40	150
Bristol,	380	4	15	20	..	1	1,800	1	900	..	26 41	..	..	3 00	2	22	125	300
Plymouth and Campton,	235	3	34	18	4	2	4,000	1	1,500	..	10 00	5 00	..	3 00	2	13	150	450	
Rumney & West Plymouth,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Warren and Wentworth,	167	1	47	12	..	1	3,000	1	500	14 66	15 01	3 01	4 37	3 73	1	29	169	400	
Haverhill,	147	1	25	17	..	1	1,200	..	..	1 00	4 88	..	..	..	1	13	83	250
North Haverhill,	61	..	7	5	..	1	2,000	..	..	4 15	..	..	..	4 60	1	9	50	100
East Haverhill,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Piermont,	63	..	19	..	..	1	3,000	1	800	..	10 00	..	..	..	1	8	60	137
Bath and Benton,	81	2	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Landaff,	130	..	13	..	..	1	2,500	1	500	8 33	47 00	..	..	..	1	14	60	400
Lisbon,	117	2	8	4	2	1	2,000	1	600	6 00	12 55	..	..	..	1	15	69	150
Monroe and Lyman,	64	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	24	100	300
Whitefield and Bethlehem,	121	2	26	10	..	1	3,500	..	..	6 00	20 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	2	12	60	300
Dalton and Carroll,	90	5	8	2	..	2	1,800	..	..	..	12 25	..	..	..	2	25	175	400
Lancaster and Jefferson,	20	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Milan and Stark,	158	5	40	10	2	1	3,000	1	1,000	..	5 00	..	..	..	2	20	150	400
Stratford & Northumberland,	122	..	31	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 50	..	..	..	2	14	70	100
Columbia,	43	..	15	1	..	1	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	9	75	50
Total,	3,920	49	688	53	277	12	28	\$72,100	13	\$9,900	\$127 07	\$525 41	\$51 13	\$42 98	\$40 71	40	505	3,453	9,065

STATISTICS OF CLAREMONT DISTRICT, NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE, FOR 1859.

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CLAREMONT DISTRICT—Continued.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.			BAPTISMS			CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				Preacher's Estimate.	Amount Paid.
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference	Society.	For Tract	Society.	For Bible	Society.	For Sunday School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.		
South Acworth,	83		1			1	\$2,000			\$4 00	\$20 00			\$3 00		\$3 00	1	1	75	300	\$350	\$350
Marlow,	92	2	1	1		1	1,500			2 00	2 00						1	7	35	225	600	600
Walpole,	35		2			1	1,800			12 00	20 00	\$3 00		4 00		6 00	1	18	90	700	600	600
Keene and Gilsum,	125	1	8		1	2	4,000			16 00	30 23					2 75	1	27	153	525	500	500
Winchester,	184	2	13	9		1	3,500			18 33	27 00						1	14	72	400	400	400
Hinsdale,	56		2	7	1	1	1,500			5 00	12 00						1	12	80	300	400	400
Chesterfield,	80	4	2	1	1	1	1,500			4 00	8 00	7 03				2 00	1	13	67	250	350	350
Pottersville,	89	2	19	15	8	1	2,000			9 17	25 00	3 50				2 00	1	12	63	200	400	400
Peterboro',	60	1	8	4		1	1,000			3 00	1 00						1	10	60	397	400	400
Ridge,	83		1			1	1,000			2 00	1 00						1	7	40	250	400	400
New Ipswich,	25	3	1	8		1	1,000			3 00	1 00						1	11	50	330	425	425
Croydon,	57	1	12			1	1,000			5 00	2 19	68		1 08		1 05	1	7	50		375	375
Grantiam,	89	3	2	2	3	1	1,000			5 00	2 19	10 07		5 00		6 71	2	22	120	600	500	500
Lebanon,	154	3	12			1	3,500			9 51	42 50						2	14	75	400	500	500
Enfield,	90	1	16			1	3,500										2	14	75	400	500	500
Canaan,	123	2	23			1	1,500			5 10	1 25						2	14	75	400	500	500
Washington and Stoddard,	31		3	3		1	500										2	17	78	180	330	330
Nashua, Lowell Street,	152	1	20	14		1	4,000			12 00	33 00	4 00		5 00		3 00	1	22	172	600	700	700
Nashua, Chesnut Street,	220	2	35	26		1	5,000			20 00	80 00	10 00		16 00		10 00	1	22	251	350	800	800
Hudson,	56	2	15	4		1	1,500			4 00	7 00						1	11	75	285	375	375
Brookline,	33	1	7			1	1,000			3 57	4 50						1	14	70	130		
Amherst,	43	1	23			1	1,000			2 31				2 50		67	1	10	65	200		
Total,	2,657	40	314	166	9	28	\$56,200	12	\$9,200	\$177 64	\$512 48	\$44 16	\$47 33	\$52 02		\$52 02	31	330	2,551	9,147		

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I. STATISTICS.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	No. of Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Sunday School Union.	Sunday School Advocates taken.	Conversions.
							\$	\$		
Dover,.....	42	586	4,203	12,447	215	494	769.25	121.97	1647	176
Concord,.....	40	489	3,299	9,305	173	232	572.87	41.71	1158	137
Claremont,.....	34	409	2,824	9,347	154	325	406.94	52.00	857	85
Total,.....	116	1484	10,326	31,099	542	1051	1749.06	215.68	3662	398
Last year,	103	1409	8,837	29,322	504	780	1285.00	175.95	3013	991
Increase,	13	75	1,489	1,667	38	271	464.06	39.73	649	...
Decrease,										593

II. SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. NEWELL CULVER, Chairman and Vice Pres't S. S. Union (P. O., Bristol).

District.	Ministers.	P. O. address.	Laymen.	P. O. address.
Dover,	G. S. Dearborn,...	Haverhill,	Levi Lamb,.....	Portsmouth.
Concord,.....	E. Adams,.....	Concord,	Geo. Thompson,....	Manchester.
Claremont,.....	O. H. Jasper, ...	Claremont,	H. H. Rodliff,.....	Claremont.

III. REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS.

The reports from the stations within the bounds of the New Hampshire Conference, and the statistics given in the circular of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church, afford us cheering evidence that God's smile rests upon the labors of his people in the Sunday School enterprise. Therefore we confidently appeal to the Church to continue their efforts with still increasing devotion, and submit the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church, by the benevolence, economy, and practical character of its operations, continues to commend itself to our confidence and increased support.

2. *Resolved*, That the recent action of Rev. D. Wise, in providing a volume for the instruction of our youth on the moral character and bearings of slavery, seems to us alike seasonable, appropriate, and needful.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance would respectfully report the following resolutions : —

Resolved, That we still recognize in the traffic in intoxicating liquors the prolific source of poverty, increase of taxation, wretchedness in families, irreligion, vice, and crime; thereby becoming a powerful influence antagonistic to the spread of the Christian religion, and of all good enterprises and reforms among men.

Resolved, That we deeply regret the indifference and apathy existing in our communities in reference to this subject; that the law has not been more generally enforced; that it has been so inefficient and powerless from the want of a healthy public sentiment, and the hearty co-operation of the people.

Resolved, That, while men have looked to *legal coercion* to stop the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, — as though the law would *enforce itself*, and accomplish the desired results, — *moral suasion* has been sadly neglected, individual responsibility has been thrown off, and the *hearts* of the people have not been in the work; their *consciences* and *sympathies* have not been sufficiently aroused and perseveringly enlisted in this work of reform.

Resolved, That, while we bid Godspeed to all organizations which seek the suppression of intemperance, we welcome any efforts to a more systematic and efficient course of action, founded on a sure and permanent basis, as recently set forth in "The Massachusetts Temperance Alliance."

Resolved, That, as Methodist ministers, we will continue unabated our efforts in this cause, cordially uniting with ministers of other branches of the Church of Christ; and will earnestly endeavor, in all suitable ways, to urge forward this great reform to a universal and glorious triumph.

SLAVERY REPORT.

Rev. John Wesley, that true friend of man and eminent servant of God, said: "American slavery is the sum of all villanies." This, we admit, is a strong expression, *but who can doubt its truth?* Slavery is a stupendous wrong, a complication of evils that has no parallel in the history of crime in these United States. What other form of evil can compare with it? What other is there that is not included in it, or fostered by it? The heart sickens at the remembrance of its disgusting and terrible abominations. As we hate tyranny, cruelty, and crime, we must and will hate slavery.

Following the example of Wesley, our fathers have ever given unequivocal testimony against "the great evil of slavery;" and we inquire, from one General Conference to another, What shall be done for its "extirpation?" We believe that the spirit of the General Rules of our Church is adverse to slaveholding, and that, in the legislative acts of the fathers, they sincerely sought its utter extinction. We therefore believe that the Methodist Episcopal Church is constitutionally, historically, and administratively an anti-slavery Church; but, as our General Rule has been mis-

construed so as to allow our members to hold slaves, we think a change ought to be effected, so as to make it more explicit, and that this alteration should be made at our *next General Conference*.

We regret any division in the anti-slavery ranks in our Church as to measures to be adopted; for "union is strength: united, we stand, — divided, we fall." At our Annual Conference in 1856, we proposed a change in the General Rule so that it should read, "The buying, selling, or holding of a human being as property." The Rule proposed by the Wisconsin Conference reads, "The buying, selling, or holding of a human being as a slave." The Providence Conference proposes the following: "Slaveholding. The buying or selling men, women, or children, with an intention to enslave them." We can heartily concur in either of these proposed changes which the General Conference may prefer. With these preliminary remarks, your Committee would offer the following resolutions: —

1. *Resolved*, That we believe slaveholding to be an unmitigated evil in itself and in its concomitants; that it is indeed "the sum of all villainies."

2. *Resolved*, That it is a curse to the Church and the nation; and that we should, by all prudent means, seek its utter destruction.

3. *Resolved*, That for this end we will exert our influence, and concur in any measures that will, in our judgment, effectually extirpate "the great evil of slavery" from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

REPORT OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE SEMINARY AND FEMALE COLLEGE.

Your Committee present the following report: —

The beautiful location of this institution, together with its fine and commodious buildings, excellent apparatus, library, and superior Board of Instruction, renders it one of the most desirable schools in New England.

Notwithstanding the financial severity of the past year, we are happy to say that the number of students attending the institution has been quite as large as at any former time. The aggregate by Terms, exclusive of the Primary Department, is 543. Certainly this number speaks well for the prosperity of the institution.

During the past year, about forty of the students have professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and ten young men connected with the school are preparing for the ministry.

With the able Faculty at the head of this institution, we have no doubt of its success, providing, as a Conference, we give it our personal influence.

The cheap and satisfactory manner in which the Boarding department is conducted, cannot fail to meet our highest approval.

The present estimated value of the entire property is about \$30,000.

At our last Conference, it was ascertained that a debt of nearly \$6,000 remained upon the institution. During the past year this debt has been reduced to about \$4,000. To sweep away this debt at once, and thus put our Seminary beyond its crippling influence, is certainly most desirable ; and it is hoped the Trustees will, at this Conference, propose such measures as shall accomplish this desirable end.

In conclusion, your Committee would present the following resolution for your adoption : —

Resolved, That, as members of this Conference, our confidence in the Northfield Seminary is unshaken ; and that we personally pledge ourselves to do what we can to sustain the same by securing to it what students we may, and otherwise.

Exhibit of the Finances of the New Hampshire Conference Seminary and Female College, April 30th, 1859.

August 10, 1858. — Debts against the institution : —

Due E. Adams,	\$5,649 45
Due Young & Clough,	100 00
Total,	<u>\$5,749 45</u>

April 30, 1859 : —

Debt due,	\$4,042 00
Debt reduced,	<u>\$1,707 45</u>

Cash received by the Agent the year past : —

Cash on old and new subscriptions,	\$1,462 00
Cash on loan,	4,600 00
Cash of L. Howard and C. S. Harrington,	673 11
Cash of E. Adams, former Agent,	315 34
Whole amount received,	<u>\$7,050 45</u>

Cash paid out : —

Paid E. Adams's notes,	\$5,649 45
Paid interest to Savings Bank at Concord,	198 00
Paid on note to Savings Bank at Concord,	600 00
Paid Agent for services and expenses,	158 07
Cash paid for insurance, for school and other bills, ...	445 42
	<u>\$7,050 94</u>
Balance in the hands of the Agent,	<u>\$15 51</u>

Debts against the institution,	\$4,042 00
Means of paying: Notes and subscriptions, good,	\$594 00
Debt not provided for,	<u>\$3,448 00</u>

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE TRACT CAUSE.

The systematic distribution of religious tracts originated with Methodism, and has ever been identified with her history. No sooner had Mr. Wesley commenced his great mission, than he saw his inability to reach the masses from the pulpit, and commenced the publication of tracts. Seventeen years before the London Tract Society was formed, Mr. Wesley and Dr. Coke formed the *first* Tract Society ever organized in the Christian Church. In this country, thirteen years before the American Tract Society was formed, Bishop Asbury commenced the publication and distribution of religious tracts; and from that day to the present, this work has gradually been establishing itself in our Church. It was not, however, till 1852 that the Tract Society of the M. E. Church was organized on its present basis by the General Conference. But during these seven years of its existence, it has accomplished a great and glorious work. It has now a catalogue of five hundred separate tracts, which are circulated, to a greater or less extent, in every part of our Zion. The "Good News" has a circulation of some forty thousand, and is increasing at the rate of one thousand per month.

In our foreign fields, the distribution of tracts is of the greatest importance. In this way, mainly, will the work of God be extended in heathen lands for years to come. Our missionaries are calling loudly upon us for appropriations to aid them in the circulation of tracts. In our own country, the demand is imperative for far greater efforts in this good work; and to carry it on efficiently, greatly increased contributions are necessary. While, as a Conference, we deem it unwise to employ a special agent, it becomes a matter of the highest importance that each preacher should do his *whole* duty in presenting the claims of the Tract cause the coming year. We therefore recommend the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That, as ministers of Christ, we will give more attention to the demands of this cause the coming year, by endeavoring to enlist the sympathies of our people in its behalf.

Resolved, That we will take collections in all our congregations for this cause the coming year.

Resolved, That we hereby appoint the President of our Conference Tract Society, Rev. E. Adams, to act as our agent in the distribution of its funds, and in the general oversight of its interests.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The Committee appointed on the subject of Ministerial Support would submit the following report :—

Your Committee are happy in being able to commence by recording their grateful expression that, as a Christian denomination, we are decidedly advancing in our interest and action in regard to the comfortable support of our ministry, and that, in this respect, the “sons” are so highly favored in comparison with their “fathers;” and though this advance may not be, as yet, equal to the increased ability of our people, yet we see abundant reasons for gratitude in respect to our present condition, and hope touching our future prospects.

While we should, by all suitable means, discourage the building up of a pampered hierarchy in the Methodist Church, and would never hold out inducements to men to enter the “priest’s office” for a “crust of bread,” we would at the same time guard against the opposite extreme, and the evils which ensue from a neglect or unwillingness to furnish our ministers with a respectable and comfortable living. Prominent among the evils referred to, are these, viz.: The temptation such a course presents to the ministry, either to turn away from the sacred calling altogether, for the purpose of “serving tables,” or what may be quite as injurious, compromising the dignity and influence of their ministerial character by worldly traffic and speculations; the overburdening solicitude it often brings upon the minds of many of our most worthy laborers in the Lord’s vineyard, thereby crushing their spirits and curtailing their labors and usefulness; the great damage it does the Church in seriously lessening her appreciation of the personal worth and Christian efforts of those appointed by her head to minister at her altars; also, the disparaging light in which it places our ministry, before the eyes of other denominations and the community at large. In view of these reflections, and the merits of the general subject, we would present for your adoption the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That we recommend to all those societies within our bounds of doubtful ability, anxious to secure more or less ministerial labor, to canvass their respective fields in a thorough manner in advance of the session of the Annual Conference, that they may ascertain what amount of preaching, if any, they can creditably support.

Resolved, That our Presiding Elders be requested, at their earliest opportunity after entering upon the work of their respective districts, to explain to the people, so far as it may be necessary, the nature and extent of the claims of their ministers upon them for a liberal support; and that they take especial pains to enlighten, in respect to their duty, all those Quarterly Conferences which have manifested a disposition to stereotype their estimates, and have failed to see their increased ability or the augmented expense of living, and consequently the increased demands of their ministers’ circumstances for larger salaries.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education submit respectfully the following report:—

The representations from the several branches of the Educational Work indicate a flourishing condition at the present time. The existence of these institutions, with their high literary character, proudly refutes the charges of ignorance that have been thrown upon us in the past. The relation they hold to the prosperity of our church, and the conversion, as well as education, of our youth, is most important; and the position they should occupy in the affections and sympathies, in the thoughts, and efforts, and prayers of ministers and people, should correspond to their high claims. We bespeak, therefore, from all, heartier efforts to render them more efficient in their legitimate work of laying deeper the foundations of intelligent piety in the church.

We are glad to make mention of the New England Education Society, as a comparatively new auxiliary to the cause, well adapted in its aims and plans to supply a felt want in the ministerial education of worthy young men who are unable to educate themselves. While it is an institution general in its operation, still the benefits arising from an impartial and judicious distribution of its resources will not be inconsiderable to our own Conference. We would recommend it, therefore, as a valuable agency for the systematic bestowment of aid in an important direction; and that efforts be made in all our societies to increase its funds.

We regard the Wesleyan University as the child of New England Methodism, and still dear to our hearts. We rejoice in its financial and internal prosperity. It worthily claims our patronage and sympathies, by reason of its high literary character and moral usefulness. But we look with distrust and disfavor upon the attempt, alluded to in its last catalogue, to incorporate with it a Biblical department, believing it to be prejudicial to the best interests of the College, and also to a distinct branch of the educational work. Our Biblical Institute was never in a more flourishing condition. We regard it as deserving our heartiest efforts in its behalf. The agitation in regard to its removal is to be deprecated. We believe its present location as good, on the whole, as any in New England, and that a loss in its financial resources and in its usefulness would follow its removal.

Last, but not least, we recognize our own Conference Seminary as a most valuable educational agency. As a means directly our own, and in our midst, of raising the general standard of education intrinsically; of stimulating our interest in it, and exhibiting our estimate of it; and of affording facilities for exerting a wide literary and religious influence among us, it appeals most urgently to this Conference to do all in its power promotive of its influence and usefulness.

We submit the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That the New England Education Society be reckoned among our benevolent enterprises, and entitled to an annual collection, so far as practicable, in all our churches.

Resolved, That we are opposed to the removal of the Biblical Institute from its present location; and that our trustees be instructed, in case of attempts to remove it, to prevent all property of the Institution that can be lawfully retained under its charter, from any transference to another location.

Resolved, That we recognize the claims of our Conference Institution to our strenuous and constant efforts to fill its halls with students, and our prayers for its religious, as well as literary, success; and they shall be cordially and faithfully given.

Your Committee make the following nominations for Visitors to our several institutions:—Wesleyan University: Rev. E. Adams, Rev. F. A. Hewes.—Biblical Institute: Rev. G. S. Dearborn, Rev. O. H. Jasper, Rev. C. M. Dinsmore, Rev. N. Culver, H. H. Rodliff, Esq., E. T. Brigham, Esq.—N. H. Conf. Sem. and Fem. College: Rev. J. W. Merrill, D.D., Rev. E. Scott, Rev. S. Holman, Rev. S. P. Heath, Hon. T. S. Tullock, Wm. T. Cass, Esq.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause report the following resolutions:—

1. That the "Bible Cause," as compared with every other, is one of paramount importance, inasmuch as it is the basis upon which every other good and benevolent cause rests.

2. That we heartily commend the course pursued by the New Hampshire Bible Society, in faithfully canvassing the State, with the intention of putting the Bible into every destitute family, and the New Testament into the hands of every child.

3. That in view of the greatness of the work of translating, publishing, and circulating the Holy Scriptures throughout the whole world, we ought, as a body of Christian ministers, to put forth more vigorous efforts, for its support.

Voted, That all members of the Conference be required to return to the Statistical Secretary all moneys and statistics from their respective stations on or before the second day of the next session.

N. B.—If not to be present, don't fail to write.

Resolved, That the Committee of Examination of the Candidates for admission into Full Connection, are hereby authorized and directed to make such arrangements hereafter with the Committee of Appointments for Religious Services during the Conference session, as to appropriate one service for the purpose of giving those candidates the privilege of relating publicly their experience of conversion and call to the work of the ministry.

MEMOIRS.

REV. JOHN M. BLAKE.

Br. John M. Blake was born in Sanbornton, N. H., June 8, 1819. His religious experience dates from a camp-meeting held in Alexandria, N. H., in 1837; and he immediately joined the M. E. Church. Believing it to be his duty to preach the gospel, yet shrinking from the responsibilities of the calling, and pressed by the feeling of his own inefficiency, he did not enter into actual and laborious service until 1850. In that year he received a license to exhort. In 1851, at the session of our Conference, held at Bristol, N. H., he was received upon trial, and appointed to Whitefield and Bethlehem. In 1852, he was appointed to East Haverhill; in 1853 and 1854, to Gilsum and Alstead. In 1855 he was ordained an elder, and appointed to Cornish. His health failed at this appointment, and he was unable to complete the work of the station. He suffered severely for a number of months with disease of the lungs, but rallied sufficiently to preach a few times before the meeting of the Conference for 1856. At the Conference for 1856 he was superannuated. During 1856 and 1857 he was able to preach one sermon on a Sabbath for the most of the period, and cherished the hope that he should be able again to enter with zeal and strength the itinerant field. He preached in Bristol and Hill twice while visiting his friends in Feb., 1858, and these two sermons filled the measure of his work. It was evident to himself that he could not reliably cherish such a hope, and he devoted his last days to providing a home for his family. Before that was accomplished he died. He had been absent from his home on business at Windsor, Vt., July 24th, 1858. Returned home, after eating his supper, he bled freely from his lungs, and in half an hour was a corpse. He has left a wife and three children.

Br. Blake was a good man, full of the spirit of the cross, and a successful preacher. He was loved wherever he labored. Much might be said in praise of him as a Christian and a minister, a husband, and father, and citizen, and friend. He was always cheerful, and spoke of dying as one about to take a journey. While bleeding, it was said to him by his wife, "I fear that you will die soon," and he replied, "Well, if it is the Father's will, I am ready." He is in peace.

 REV. BENJAMIN C. EASTMAN.

The subject of this memoir was born in Canterbury, N. H., June 16th, 1788. In early life, through the influence of a strong attachment to worldly pleasures and association with skeptical minds, he became an unbeliever in the Christian religion, and wandered many years in the darkness of infidelity.

At the age of 34 years, he experienced religion at Barnard, Vt., in a gracious revival, during which several of his skeptical associates com-

menced their religious course, who have since been distinguished in the church, prominent among whom was the late Rev. Jared Perkins, of this Conference. His conviction for sin was nearly overwhelming, and his conversion clear and convincing. He was unspeakably filled with the glory of God.

He has often been heard to say, in referring to this event, "I wanted to speak words as big as *mountains*, to express the fulness of my soul." Soon after being received into full membership in the M. E. Church, he was licensed to preach. He continued to improve his gift in public, as opportunity presented, until the summer of 1825, when he was admitted upon trial into the N. E. Conference, with a family, consisting of a wife and four children. The children survive him, but the devoted and pious partner of his early ministry was removed from him to the church triumphant in October, 1832.

In October, 1833, he was married to Miss Mary Warren, of Rochet, N. H., who, with four of her children, survive him.

Father Eastman is remembered with pious affection, especially by the senior members of the churches in the following places where he has lived and labored, viz., Barnard and Weathersfield, Vt., Unity, Claremont, Marlow, Lempster, Northfield, Rochester, Deering, Heniker, Grantham, Enfield, Newport, N. Charlestown, and Concord, in N. H. In the last named place he resided during the last fourteen years, with the exception of about two years spent in Deering. He suffered during most of his ministry with very poor health; more than one-third of the entire period he has been classed with the superannuated. But whether sick or well, he was a man of one purpose and of one work. His favorite theme, whether in the pulpit or in private discourse, was *holiness*. For more than a quarter of a century he has professed, and beautifully illustrated in his life, the spirit and power of "perfect love," which "casteth out fear." His early advantages for an education were limited, a circumstance which greatly embarrassed him all through his ministry. But, though not extensively acquainted with books, he studied the mind of the spirit, and was as thoroughly acquainted with experimental and practical godliness as the most profoundly learned. These great principles, which constituted the general range of his discourses, he was accustomed to define with much perspicuity, and illustrate and enforce with a great variety of metaphor, of simile, and of striking incidents. He generally spoke with such an emotion and power of the spirit as to impress his hearers with the sentiment—he was a man of God, in earnest for their salvation. His last sickness was very severe, and lasted, with slight abatements, about nine weeks. During all this period, he enjoyed constant peace of mind and a realizing faith. When asked by a brother in the ministry at one time, after a severe paroxysm of pain, about the state of his mind, he replied, "Clinging to the Book." At another time, he said, "Built upon the

foundation of the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." Such was the nature of his disease, however, that he was not permitted to triumph at the last as he desired. He would often exclaim, "O, I want to triumph!" But, so soon as his mind became unusually exercised with religious thought and emotion, he would be thrown into violent paroxysms of pain. On one occasion, said a friend to him, "You will triumph by and by." "Yes!" he exclaimed, "when mortality shall be swallowed of life."

In this state of mind he continued, until the silver cord was loosened, the golden bowl broken, and his waiting spirit passed to the world immortal. This event took place at Concord, July 12th, 1858, at the age of threescore and ten years.

Of Father Eastman, it may be said as of Barnabas, Acts xi. 24. He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith; and much people was added to the Lord.

The Committee on Missions report that they are authorized to draw on the Missionary Society at New York for \$950, which they have divided as follows:—Dover District, \$325; Concord District, \$300; Claremont District, \$325. Distributed as follows:—

S. Newmarket,	\$25 00	Lyman,	30 00
S. Tamworth,	40 00	Fisherville,	30 00
Great Falls, Main st.,	125 00	Gilmanton,	30 00
Methuen,	25 00	Keene,	45 00
Amesbury,	80 00	Pottersville,	20 00
Derry,	30 00	Hinsdale,	40 00
Piermont,	30 00	New Ipswich,	50 00
Warner and Salisbury,	30 00	Washington,	50 00
N. Haverhill,	30 00	Lempster,	60 00
Haverhill,	30 00	Unity,	20 00
Stratford,	30 00	Croydon,	20 00
Littleton,	60 00	Grantham,	20 00

PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM ON CLAREMONT DISTRICT.

CLAIM, \$600.

Claremont,	45 00	Ridge,	20 00
Newport,	45 00	New Ipswich,	15 00
Sunapee,	16 00	Croydon,	16 00
North Charlestown,	18 00	Grantham,	20 00
Cornish,	18 00	Lebanon,	30 00
Unity,	15 00	Enfield,	20 00
Lempster,	12 00	Canaan,	20 00
Marlow,	25 00	Washington,	16 00
Walpole,	14 00	Nashua, Lowell st.,	30 00
Keene,	25 00	" Chestnut st.,	30 00
Winchester,	40 00	Hudson,	16 00
Hinsdale,	20 00	Brookline,	16 00
Chesterfield,	20 00	Amherst,	12 00
Peterboro',	20 00	South Acworth,	10 00

PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM ON CONCORD DISTRICT.

Concord,	\$32 00	Bristol,	25 00
Fisherville,	15 00	Plymouth,	30 00
Chichester,	15 00	Warren,	25 00
Hooksett,	12 00	Rumney and W. Plymouth, .	15 00
Bow,	15 00	Thornton,	10 00
Suncook,	18 00	Haverhill,	15 00
Manchester, First church, .	15 00	North Haverhill,	15 00
" Elm st.,	32 00	Piermont,	15 00
" North Elm st., .	30 00	E. Haverhill,	10 00
Windsor,	12 00	Bath and Benton,	20 00
Antrim,	12 00	Landaff,	15 00
Deering,	12 00	Lisbon,	20 00
Hillsboro',	12 00	Monroe and Lyman,	12 00
Henniker,	20 00	Littleton,	25 00
W. Salisbury and Warner, .	12 00	Whitefield,	12 00
Boscawen,	12 00	Lancaster,	25 00
Wilmot Flat,	12 00	Milan and Stark,	10 00
Sanbornton Bridge,	30 00	Stratford,	15 00
E. Sanbornton,	12 00	Columbia,	12 00
Gilmanton,	12 00	Goffstown,	5 00

PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM, DOVER DISTRICT.

Dover,	\$40 00	E. Salisbury,	25 00
Salmon Falls,	16 00	Amesbury,	12 00
Great Falls, High st., .	45 00	Haverhill,	25 00
" Main st.,	25 00	Methuen,	12 00
Rochester,	40 00	Lawrence, Haverhill st., .	40 00
Milton,	10 00	" Garden st.,	25 00
Tuftonboro',	14 00	Salem,	25 00
Moultonboro',	14 00	North Salem,	16 00
Sandwich,	20 00	Derry,	12 00
So. Tamworth,	5 00	Londonderry,	18 00
Newmarket,	25 00	Kingston,	14 00
So. Newmarket,	12 00	Sandown and Danville, .	20 00
Greenland,	20 00	Raymond,	16 00
Rye,	6 00	Chester,	8 00
Portsmouth,	45 00	Auburn,	6 00
Hampton,	16 00	Epping,	6 00
Seabrook,	12 00		

Rev. Wm. Hewes is appointed to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon.

Rev. Jonathan Hall is appointed to preach the Conference Sermon.

TIME OF TAKING THE BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

Tract Cause,	June.
Bible Cause,	August.
Missionary Cause,	October.
Sunday School Union,	December.
Preacher's Aid Society,	February.
New England Education Society,	April.

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DELEGATES.

S. Holman, to the Baptist State Convention to be held at Nashua.

James Pike, to the General Assembly of the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches to be held at Boscawen.

C. Holman, to the Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting to be held at Dover.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

FIRST YEAR.

Bible — Doctrines — R. Dearborn.

Watson's Institutes, First Part — W. Hewes.

Wesley's Christian Perfection — O. H. Call.

English Grammar and Geography — Essay or Sermon — G. N. Bryant.

SECOND YEAR.

Bible — Sacraments — S. Beedle.

Watson's Institutes, Second Part — J. Hall.

Peck's Christian Perfection and Fletcher's Appeal — N. Culver.

Methodist Discipline — Stevens' Church Polity — Essay or Sermon — R. S. Stubbs.

THIRD YEAR.

Bible History and Chronology — J. Hayes.

Watson's Institutes, Third Part — H. H. Hartwell.

Butler's Analogy — G. W. T. Rogers.

Peck's Rule of Faith and Hibbard on Baptism — G. S. Dearborn.

Ruter's Church History and Tytler's General History — O. H. Jasper.

Newman's Rhetoric and Hedge's Logic — Essay or Sermon — C. M. Dinsmore.

FOURTH YEAR.

Review of the whole Course — J. Currier.

Watson's Institutes, Fourth Part — D. P. Leavitt.

Claude's Essay — S. G. Kellogg.

Horne's Introduction — E. R. Wilkins.

Essay or Sermon — C. R. Harding.

Voted, That the Secretary notify the Examining Committees, and candidates for examination, to meet at the seat of the next Conference at 7 o'clock P.M. of the second day preceding the meeting of the Conference, by publishing a notice in *Zion's Herald* two weeks before the session of Conference; also, that this be published in the Minutes; and any candidate failing to present himself at such time and place shall forfeit an examination, unless he shall be providentially detained.

A WORD OF ADVICE.

Before starting to Conference, be sure that your statistical report is carefully made out. Your station, whether large or small, is a part of the whole, and should be accurately represented.

Get your money for benevolent purposes changed into bills — as large as possible — and thus save the treasurers of the societies much labor.

Take the earliest opportunity to hand to the persons appointed to receive them, your statistics and benevolent moneys; and thus save them the trouble of finding YOU, to get them.

While at home, make it a point of conscience to present to the people of your charge the claims of all our benevolent objects. If the people are too poor to contribute to all or any of them, they will be poorer still if you do not preach about them.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

The letters designate their present relation—P. *probationer*, D. *deacon*, E. *elder*, S'y. *supernumerary*, and S't. *superannuate*. The place mentioned is their post office address, as far as known.

The figures in the last column indicate whether it is the first or second year of appointment; those in the first column, the time of their admission to Conference.

1813.	Adams, John F.	E. . . .	Greenland.	S't.
1834.	Adams, James.	E. . . .	Deerfield	1
1836.	Adams, Elisha.	E. . . .	Concord.	2
1858.	Adams, John W.	P. . . .	Derry	1
1839.	Boyden, Jesse	E. . . .	Woodstock, Vt.	S't.
1835.	Barrows, L. D.	E. . . .	Sanbornton Bridge	1
1842.	Beedle, Samuel	E. . . .	Newmarket.	1
1844.	Barber, Daniel W.	E. . . .	South Tamworth.	2
1849.	Bryant, Geo. N.	E. . . .	Lisbon	1
1857.	Barnes, Geo. S.	D. . . .	Peterboro'	1
1858.	Bentley, Martin L.	P. . . .	Rindge	1
1859.	Buckley, James M.	P. . . .	Dover	1
1859.	Bailey, Nelson M.	P. . . .	Rye.	1
1827.	Cass, Wm. D.	E. . . .	Sanbornton Bridge, Agent Seminary.	2
1828.	Cowing, Charles	E. . . .	Lisbon	S't.
1830.	Currier, John	E. . . .	Newport	2
1833.	Culver, Newell	E. . . .	Bristol	1
1835.	Clough, John	E. . . .	Stockbridge, N. Y.	S't.
1839.	Chase, Charles H.	E. . . .	Plymouth	1
1841.	Clarke, Geo. W. H.	E. . . .	Great Falls	2
1842.	Chase, Nathaniel L.	E. . . .	Hampton	2
1849.	Cushman, Lewis P.	E. . . .	Littleton	1
1851.	Carter, Ira	E. . . .	South Acworth	S'y.
1853.	Call, Oloff H.	E. . . .	Marlow	2
1853.	Chandler, Henry	E. . . .	Moultonboro'	1
1835.	Dearborn, Reuben	E. . . .	East Andover	1
1843.	Dearborn, Geo. S.	E. . . .	Haverhill, Mass.	1
1850.	Draper, Lorenzo.	E. . . .	Candia Village.	1
1853.	Dudley, Samuel S.	D. . . .	Gilsum.	1
1853.	Dinsmore, Cadford M.	E. . . .	Suncook	1
1853.	Dutton, Ashley C.	E. . . .	Londonderry.	1
1854.	Dunning, Charles U.	E. . . .	Haverhill	2
1857.	Danforth, R. Edmund	E. . . .	North Charlestown	2
1838.	English, John	E. . . .	Bath	2
1840.	Evans, Warren F.	E. . . .	Claremont.	S't.
1848.	Eastman, Larned L.	E. . . .	Raymond	2
1838.	Folsom, Abraham	E. . . .	North Salem	S'y. 2
1858.	Faulks, James B.	P. . . .	Concord.	2
1858.	Fowler, Thomas L.	P. . . .	Marlboro'	2
1859.	Fawcett, Joseph	P. . . .	Chichester.	1
1831.	Green, Silas.	E. . . .	Loudon Mills.	S't.
1832.	Gordon, Lorin H.	E. . . .	Grantham	1
1846.	Guernsey, Joseph W.	E. . . .	Greenland	2
1856.	Green, Nelson	E. . . .	Chesterfield	1
1809.	Hoyt, Benj. R.	E. . . .	Windham.	S't.
1810.	Hinds, Orlando	E. . . .	Chichester	S't.
1829.	Harding, Charles R.	E. . . .	Nashua	2
1839.	Howard, Lewis	E. . . .	Sanbornton Bridge (P. Elder)	4
1833.	Howard, Americus K.	E. . . .	Newbury, Vt.	2
1840.	Hayes, Joseph	E. . . .	Amesbury, Mass.	1
1841.	Hartwell, Henry H.	E. . . .	Lawrence, Mass.	1
1843.	Hewes, Wm.	E. . . .	Rochester	1
1843.	Holman, Sullivan.	E. . . .	Nashua	1
1844.	Hill, Henry	E. . . .	Manchester	2
1844.	Hewes, Frederic A.	E. . . .	Lawrence, Mass.	S't.
1846.	Holman, Calvin	E. . . .	Dover (P. Elder).	1

1847.	Hall, Jonathan	E.	Portsmouth	1
1847.	Hooper, Josiah	E.	Kingston	1
1850.	Heath, Simeon P.	E.	Salmon Falls	1
1852.	Homan, Charles R.	E.	Seabrook	1
1855.	Harrington, Calvin S.	E.	Sanbornton Bridge (Conf. Sem'y)	1
1856.	Holman, Joshua B.	E.	Canaan	1
1856.	Hall, Linville J.	D.	Lebanon	1
1839.	Johnson, John W.	E.	Hudson	2
1849.	Jasper, Orlando H.	E.	Claremont	2
1856.	Jones, Wm. H.	D.	Enfield	1
1859.	Judd, Damon	P.	Colebrook	1
1830.	Kidder, Amos	E.	Tuftsboro'	1
1850.	Kellogg, Silas G.	E.	Winchester	2
1827.	Ladd, Nathaniel	E.	Sanbornton Bridge	S't.
1831.	Lee, Daniel	E.	Hillsboro', Ill.	S't.
1850.	Leavitt, Dudley P.	E.	Portsmouth	1
1829.	Mason, Elijah	E.	Rockport, Mass.	S't.
1845.	Manson, Albert C.	E.	Newport (P. Elder)	4
1854.	Martin, Nelson	E.	Piermont	1
1855.	Matteson, Hezekiah A.	D.	Hinsdale	1
1818.	Norris, Samuel	E.	Brooklyn, N.Y.	S't.
1825.	Newhall, Matthew	E.	Epping	S't.
1827.	Newhall, Richard	E.	Unity	2
1834.	Nutter, Henry	E.	Chester	1
1840.	Pike, James	E.	Sanbornton Bridge	1
1855.	Prescott, Lucien W.	D.	Stratford	2
1843.	Rogers, Geo. W. T.	E.	Henniker	2
1855.	Russell, Amos B.	E.	Manchester	1
1815.	Scarritt, Josiah A.	E.	Sandwich Centre	S't.
1823.	Spaulding, Justin	E.	Moretown, Vt.	S't.
1825.	Scott, Elihu	E.	Salem	2
1826.	Smith, James G.	E.	Plymouth	S't.
1828.	Smith, Eleazar	E.	East Salisbury, Mass.	1
1829.	Smith, John	E.	Burke, Vt.	S't.
1831.	Sweatland, Ira A.	E.	Barraboo, Wis.	S't.
1835.	Stevens, Jacob	E.	Newburyport, Mass.	S't.
1852.	Stubbs, Robert S.	E.	Keene	2
1853.	Smith, Charles H.	E.	Warren	1
1855.	Stinchfield, Josiah P.	D.	Sandwich Centre	1
1856.	Smith, Daniel J.	D.	Warner	1
1858.	Smith, Ebenezer A.	P.	Lempster	2
	Tilton, Rufus	E.	Sandwich Centre	S't.
1838.	Thurston, James	E.	Bangor, Maine	1
1855.	Taggart, Irad	D.	Landaff	2
1856.	Trefren, John L.	E.	Methuen, Mass.	1
1859.	Thomas, Geo. C.	P.	Enfield	1
1824.	Wilbur, Warren	E.	Chester	S't.
1833.	Wiggin, Silas	E.	Sutton, Vt.	S't.
1834.	Wells, Geo. F.	E.	Worcester, Vt.	S't.
1839.	Woodward, C. B. M.	E.	Haverhill	S't.
1849.	Warner, Greenleaf P.	E.	Hampstead	1
1853.	Wilkins, Elijah R.	E.	Lancaster	1
1853.	Watkins, Orick W.	E.	West Littleton	1
1859.	Whidden, S. F.	P.	Croydon	1
1857.	Whipple, B. E.	D.	Washington	1
1834.	Young, James M.	E.	Manchester	S't.
	Young, Charles	E.	Manchester	2

CORRECTION OF STATISTICS.

From five stations on Concord District, there is no report, from which last year there was reported 284 members, 69 probationers. We have no doubt that as many are there still. This would make the aggregate for this year 12,672, and increase over last 145 ; but the tables show a decrease of 208, as they now stand.



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Conference Seminary and Female College,

AT SANBORNTON BRIDGE, N. H.

This Institution furnishes excellent educational facilities, in a location naturally attractive and healthful. It claims its share of denominational and general patronage.

BUILDING.

The building is large and new, well arranged for the two departments of boarding and instruction. Students have a school home, living under the same roof with their teachers, and sitting at the same table.

INSTRUCTION.

It is designed to furnish the best of Instruction. The Institution proposes to give gentlemen a thorough business education, and a preparation for entering, or advanced standing in College; and to ladies, a select literary and scientific course, or a full four years' classical course of study, awarding them suitable diplomas at the close. Students are allowed to choose such studies as they please, although a systematic course is recommended.

The Ornamental branches are under the charge of skilful artists.

EXPENSES.

Tuition in Common English, per Term of eleven weeks,	\$3 25
Tuition in each higher English, (except the first, 75c.,) extra,	50
Tuition in Chemistry, Surveying, French and Ancient Languages,	
each extra,	1 00
Drawing and Painting, various styles, from	2 00 to 6 00
Music, with use of Piano,	10 00
Incidentals,	50

The Boarding Department is in charge of Rev. L. Howard and lady. Board in the Institution, including furnished room and washing, \$2 per week. Rooms for self-boarding can be had in the village at reasonable rates, furnished with everything needful, except towels and bed linen.

CALENDAR FOR 1859.

The Summer Term commences May 12th; the Fall Term, August 25th; and the Winter Term, November 17th. The Spring Term of 1860 begins February 9th.

For further particulars or explanations, please address

C. S. HARRINGTON, *President.*